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NEWS OF THE MORNING.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 122 for 40; 107, 112; for 4½, sterling, 84; 84½, 85; 102; 104; 105; 107; 5 per cent. United States bonds, extended, 105; 48, 124½, 134, 115.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 84½/85½ cents.

There was another decline in the general stock market at San Francisco yesterday morning, though prices reacted a little at noon. Hale & Norcross closed at \$1.25; Savage, \$2.25; Childs, \$1.45; Potosi, 75 cents; Gould & Curry, \$1.35; Consolidated Virginia, 50 cents; Mexican, 60 cents; Ophir, 50 cents; Best & Belcher, \$1.60; Crown Point, \$1.25; Yellow Jacket, \$2.60. All the other stocks weakened in proportion.

A fresh advance of the Russians upon Afghan territory is reported.

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THE REASON WHY.

The San Francisco Call says: "In the purification of politics which is going on it is much to be hoped that the character of State Legislatures in general will be improved. There is no reason why Legislatures should not average in integrity and intelligence as high as the people. If the people cannot always select their best men, they ought not to honor their worst ones. Yet we are forced to the conclusion either that Legislatures are below the average of the people, or that the average is low." It is true in philosophy that a stream does not rise higher than its source.

But it is not true in politics that a Legislature is not more representative of the people than the average of the people are. The intelligence of the people are so largely prostrate before the intrigues and power of the bosses. Whatever there is to complain of in the character of legislative representation is due to the fact that the people consent to the few—who are the bosses and their servitors—doing for them which is their solemn duty to do for themselves. Some of the very best communities, where intelligence is broad, the moral tone good, and the public sentiment on general issues sound, send up the weakest representatives, and the sole cause of the neglect of duty on the part of the citizens within party lines. A small ring often rules a large community, and wherever that is true the rule and the representation will be bad. We shall have unrepresentative Legislatures so long as we permit the unrepresentative class to do the duty of the whole community. Again, legislative rewards are too meager. The thoroughly representative man too often finds that to engage in the contest—made necessary by the nature of the political process—means at least at the time of un-conscionable political gables the character of a life-time, and submit himself to humiliations against which an independent man revolts. The inducement to serve the country is small and the sacrifice great. But the first is not too little nor the latter too great, if the citizen can be freed from the domination and torture process of political ringmasters. That this will in time come about is certain, for the evil of unrepresentative bodies will presently correct itself—violently, perhaps, as the body throws off by spasmodic action foreign and irritating substances.

AFGHANISTAN COMPLICATIONS.

The foreign news is not conducive to the belief that the Afghanistan difficulty will be adjusted without an armed struggle. We can set down a great deal of the chatter of the dispatches to news gatherers' anxiety to outdo, and the disposition to make news sensational. Beneath it all, however, there is an ugly substratum of contention between diplomats that may develop into open rupture of peaceful relations between England and Russia. There

can be no question that the former has been timorous. More "back bone," to use an Americanism, would have tended to a clearer understanding, and to lessen the likelihood of war. We are told that Russia has made "new demands," but there is an absence of detail as to their character, that is vexatious. What more could Russia demand than the occupation of Penjdeh, which England could not even tolerate by reception. Russian diplomats are too sagacious to demand the occupation without restriction of "the debatable zone," nor is it thinkable that they would venture to ask for the Herat plain. There are dispatches announcing that it is the intention of Russia to descend upon Herat and seize it at all hazards; but the authority is the expression of an anti-Russian newspaper. Still another story is that the bridges commanding the army route to Herat are to be dismantled by Russia. But this is also unofficial. The most important news that is credited to due authority is that England's Ministry has asked for a war credit, and has renewed its activity in putting the army and navy upon an immediate war footing. This certainly looks as if Gladstone's peace policy is about to give way before the complications of the hour.

LITTLE WOOL.

Before the election we told a great deal about what the Democrats would do if only they could "get at the books." They have had access to the books all the time—now they have possession. The first "break" in the way of exposure does not "pan out" richly.

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GENERAL NEWS.

SOME OF CLEVELAND'S APPOINT-TEES DECLINING.

A "Sharon Case" in New York—Painful News From Manitoba—Small-pox in Montreal.

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DOMESTIC.

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